**Polar Remote Sensing:** Through polar remote sensing interesting seasonal variation in sea-ice cover has been observed and large-scale features in Antarctica have also been identified confirming to the known surveyed features. Similarly, TOPEX/Poseidon data has been analyzed to study the currents, eddites and convergence zone in Antarctic waters.

**Rail over-bridge at Kadipikonda**

4021. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHIR K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there has been a demand for the last four decades for a rail over-bridge at Kadipikonda in Warangal, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether thousands of people took out a rally in February, 2002, for construction of the over-bridge;

(c) if so, the action proposed in matter; and

(d) the allocation made therefor, during this budget;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. State Govt. first raised the issue in 1985 only.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The work for construction of Road Over Bridge was sanctioned in 1992-93 on cost sharing basis. Even Estimate amounting to Rs. 13.73 crore was also sanctioned in March' 1993. Work could not be taken up because of change of Road Over Bridge location by State Govt. Now, joint survey has been conducted and General Arrangement Drawing prepared as per latest site details which is under finalization.

(d) An amount of Rs. 1 crore has been provided during 2002-03 for this work

**Quantum of Rail freight**

†4022. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quantum of freight being carried by trains in the country is decreasing continuously;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.